

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Mark G. Allen, et al.Serial No. **CON of 09/316,229**Filed: **December 6, 2001**For: **Microneedle Devices and
Methods of Manufacture
and Use Thereof**Examiner: **Not Yet Assigned**Art Unit: **3763****PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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 Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following paragraph:

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 which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial No. 09/095,221, filed June 10, 1998.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 9, with the following paragraph:

The government has certain rights in this invention by virtue of Grant Number BES-9624832 awarded by the U.S. National Science Foundation to Mark R. Prausnitz and by virtue of Contract Number DABT63-95-C-0114 awarded by the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA).

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2-48.

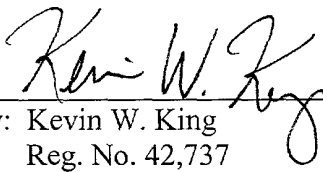
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Remarks

The specification has been amended to include the correct priority information and to correct the statement regarding federally sponsored research in connection with the application.

Claims 2-48 have been canceled without prejudice; applicants do not disclaim the subject matter therein.

Respectfully submitted,


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